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**Finding Aid for  
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Urban Action Institute**

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## COLLECTION OVERVIEW

<b>Call Number</b>	WSU.0051
<b>Repository</b>	Archives and Special Collections, Worcester State University
<b>Location</b>	Learning Resource Center, L-328A
<b>Title</b>	Worcester State University Urban Action Institute Collection
<b>Date range</b>	1980-2017, bulk 1997-2010
<b>Extent:</b>	10 linear feet; 19 boxes.
<b>Creator(s)</b>	Faculty and staff of Worcester State University's Urban Action Institute.
<b>Language(s)</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	Collection documents administration and programming of Worcester State University's Urban Action Institute from its founding to 2017.

## ACCESS AND USE INFORMATION

<b>Physical Access</b>	Materials are available for use only in the Archives Reading Room (L-328A). Materials are fragile and must be handled with care. Users must handle materials with clean hands.
<b>Copyright and ownership</b>	Researchers are responsible to obtain appropriate permissions before republishing materials under copyright.
<b>Citation format</b>	[Box/folder] Worcester State University Urban Action Institute Collection, Archives and Special Collections, Worcester State University Library, Worcester State University.

## ACQUISITION AND PROCESSING INFORMATION

### Accession number(s)

**Provenance** Materials were collected and organized by various personnel of the Urban Action Institute and held in the institute's campus office. The collection was transferred to the WSU Archives in the spring of 2023.

**Processing  
information** The collection arrived with original order present at the folder level. Materials were organized in series and placed in acid-free folders and boxes. Duplicates and a small portion of student and employee record materials were not retained. Photos and AV materials remain in their original containers and should be re-sleeved in the future. CDs, VHS tapes and other archaic formats should be reformatted.

**Biographical  
and historical  
information** Founded as the Intergenerational Urban Institute as an arm of Worcester State University's Urban Studies Department, the Institute's early programming centered largely around elder advocacy; gerontology; and intergenerational programming bringing together elder community members, teens, and school-age children; and special programs for elder Worcester State Students. As the Urban Action Institute, programming today includes multi format programming encompassing education; equity and social justice; intergenerational solidarity; and global citizenship.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

Collection documents more than 30 years of programming by the Institute as well as its development as an organization. Included are audiovisual materials and photographs; clippings; correspondence; event fliers, reference materials, and reports. The Institute was dedicated to preserving its own history so existing program archives are preserved intact in the collection. The photographic materials are particularly rich.

## **ARRANGEMENT**

### **SERIES I      Administration, 1984-2015**

Includes materials related to administration of the Institute including awards; clubs and organizations with which the Institute was involved; financial records; grants and reports; personnel-related materials, and program evaluations.

### **SERIES II      Audiovisual and Photographs, 1997-2017**

Includes audiovisual and photographic documentation of particular events and programs including some on archaic formats that may be of limited accessibility. Note: the Photographs series includes largely unidentified subjects.

### **SERIES III      Clippings, 1980-2016**

Includes an archive of clippings related to the Institute's personnel and programming.

### **SERIES IV      Events and Programs, 1985-2016**

Includes correspondence; evaluations; financial reports; fliers; and some limited photographic documentation of events and programs.

### **SERIES V      People, 1988-2002**

Includes articles; clippings; correspondence; and photographs related to personnel or other individuals closely associated with the Institute or its programs.

### **SERIES VI      Photographs, 1994-2000**

Includes largely unidentified events and subjects from existing photograph collections kept by the Institute.

## **ACCESS POINTS**

Terms below correspond to Library of Congress name or subject headings.

### **People**

Aschkenase, Thea  
Power, Maureen E. (Maureen Ellen)

### **Organizations**

Worcester State College  
Worcester State University

## Subjects

Gerontology  
Urban Studies

### SERIES

#### Administration

- OS3.10 Awards; 2003-2006
  - 1.1 Advisory Council, 1984, n.d.
  - 1.2 Awards; Generations United Programs, n.d.
- OS3.11 Awards; Irving Yarock Award, 2003
  - 1.3 Awards; Victory Against Hunger, 2005
  - 1.4 Clubs and Organizations; Elder Advocates, 1984-1986, n.d. [1]
  - 1.5 Clubs and Organizations; Elder Advocates, 1984-1986, n.d. [2]
  - 1.6 Clubs and Organizations; Elder Advocates; Attendance and Dues, 1984-1986, n.d.
  - 1.7 Clubs and Organizations; Elder Advocates; "The Elder Collegiate", 1992-1997
  - 1.8 Clubs and Organizations; Elder Collection Club, n.d.
- OS3.12 Ephemera; pins, n.d.
  - 1.9 Evaluations; Elder Service Program, 1997
  - 1.10 Evaluations; Teem Parent Mentoring, 1995
  - 1.11 Financial Records, 2007-2009
  - 1.12 Grants; 1997
  - 1.13 Grants, CBO, 1998
  - 1.14 Grants and Reports; AGHE-Pitt, 1997-1998
  - 1.15 Grants and Reports; Americorps, 1994
  - 2.1 Grants and Reports; Annual Reports, 1994-2000
  - 2.2 Grants and Reports; Commonwealth Corps, 2008-2010
  - 2.3 Grants and Reports; Community Fellows, 2009
  - 2.4 Grants and Reports; Community Service Learning, 2007, n.d.
  - 2.5 Grants and Reports; Cope, 2003, n.d.
  - 2.6 Grants and Reports; Elder Service, 1998
  - 2.7 Grants and Reports; Ending Hunger Together, 2009
  - 2.8 Grants and Reports; Fund for Improvement of Post-Secondary Education, 2000
  - 2.9 Grants and Reports; Greater Worcester, 2008

- 2.10 Grants and Reports; H.R. Development, n.d.
- 2.11 Grants and Reports; Massachusetts Service Alliance, 1999
- 2.12 Grants and Reports; Mini Grants, 2005
- 3.1 Grants and Reports; Mini Grants, 2010-2011
- 3.2 Grants and Reports; Mini Grants; Faculty, 2002-2015
- 3.3 Grants and Reports; Program review, 2014
- 3.4 Grants and Reports; Project Bread, 2005
- 3.5 Grants and Reports; Rotary Service, 2004
- 3.6 Grants and Reports; Senior Serve, 1997-1999
- 3.7 Grants and Reports; Senior Serve; Site Visit, 1998
- 3.8 Grants and Reports; South High, 2007
- 3.9 Grants and Reports; Teen Parents, 1996-1997, n.d. [1]
- 3.10 Grants and Reports; Teen Parents, 1996-1997, n.d. [2]
- 3.11 Grants and Reports; Teen Parents, 1996-1997, n.d. [3]
- 4.1 Grants and Reports; Teen Parents, 1996-1997, n.d. [4]
- 4.2 Grants and Reports; Teen Parents, 1998-1999
- 4.4 Grants and Reports; Worcester Community Foundation, 1999
- 4.3 Grants and Reports; Worcester Schools, 2008
- 4.5 Grants and Reports; YWCA, 1998
- 4.6 Personnel and students, Mack, Julia; 1986-1993, n.d.
- 4.7 Photograph Releases, 2013
- 4.8 Program Binder, 1995-1997, n.d.
- 4.9 Web Page, n.d.

**SERIES II      Audiovisual and Photographs**

- 5.1 2004
- 5.2 2004, n.d.
- OS2.3 Cassettes; Kids Count, unknown; 2009, n.d.
- 7.3 Computer disks, n.d.
- OS2.1 Elder Immigrant, Teen Parenting; 1997, n.d.
- 5.5 Elder Students, n.d.
- OS2.2 Lapp, Francis Moore, unknown, 2004, n.d.
- 5.5 n.d.
- 5.4 Other, 2017, n.d. [1]
- 6.1 Other, 2017, n.d. [2]
- 6.2 Urban Studies, 2004-2006, n.d.
- OS2.4 VHS, n.d.

<b>SERIES III</b>	<b>Clippings</b>
6.3	1980-1989
6.4	1990-1999
6.5	2000-2009
7.1	2010-2016
7.2	n.d.
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OS3.9	Power, Maureen; 2007
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7.4	2007-2011, n.d.
OS3.8	2011-2015; n.d.
7.5	An Environment for all Ages; 2002
7.6	Appreciative Inquiry Class; 2002
7.7	Archive, 1985-2013 [1]
7.8	Archive, 1985-2013 [2]
7.9	Archive, 1993-1994
OS3.7	Aschkenase, Thea; n.d.
8.1	Celebration of Service, 2003-2012
8.2	Celebration of Service; n.d.
8.3	Christmas; 2012
8.4	Community Garden, 2015, n.d.
8.5	Elder Advocates; 2002, n.d.
8.6	Elder Advocates; Correspondence, 1984-n.d.
8.7	Elder Immigrants, 1997-1999, n.d.
8.8	Elder Immigrants, 1999
9.1	Elder Week, 1993, n.d.
9.2	Empty Bowls, 2009
9.3	Food Stamps Outreach, 2004
9.4	Fliers and Pamphlets, 1985-2016,
9.5	Generation at 50, 2018
9.6	Gerontology, 1990-1992
9.7	Gerontology, 1996-1999
10.1	Gerontology, 2000-2004, n.d.
10.2	Gerontology; Report, 1983-1991



10.3	Gerontology Studies, 1983-1999
10.4	Got Food?, 2008
10.5	Grandparents, 2013
10.6	Hunger Free Worcester, n.d.
10.7	Immigrant Luncheon; 2002
10.8	Mentoring photos, 1997
10.9	Mentoring, 1998, n.d. [1]
10.10	Mentoring, 1998, n.d. [2]
11.1	Moving Together..., 1994
11.2	Other, n.d. [1]
11.3	Other, n.d. [2]
11.4	Other, n.d. [3]
11.5	Other, n.d. [4]
<u>OS3.5</u>	Other, n.d. [5]
12.1	Other, 1986-2010 [1]
12.2	Other, 1986-2010 [2]
12.3	Other Agencies, 2000-2005
12.4	Senior Community Service, 2007
12.5	Senior Web Seminar, 202-2003, n.d.
12.6	Sustainability Fair, 2012, n.d.
12.7	Teaching Garden, 2013
12.8	Teen Dinner, 1998
12.9	Toast of the Town; 2003
12.10	Urban Studies Dinner; 2003
13.1	YWCA get together, 1997
13.2	YWCA; Mentoring Makeovers, n.d.
13.3	YWCA; Movements, 1998
13.4	YWCA; Sharon, n.d.
13.5	Victory Against Hunger, 2005
13.6	WSU, 1983-2011, n.d.
13.7	A-F, n.d.
13.8	G-S, 1998

#### **SERIES V**

#### **People**

14.1	Aschkenase, Thea; 2002-2013
14.2	Aschkenase, Thea, correspondence, 2009-2014
14.3	Aschkenase, Thea, correspondence, 2009-2011
14.4	Aschkenase, Thea, correspondence, 2010-2013

14.5	Aschkenase, Thea; correspondence, 2012
15.1	Aschkenase, Thea, thank you notes, 2006-2010, n.d.
15.2	Aschkenase, Thea, thank you notes, 2008-2013, n.d.
15.3	Aschkenase, Thea, thank you notes, 2009-2011, n.d.
OS3.3	Aschkenase, Thea, thank you notes, 2010,, n.d.
15.4	Chandler, Harriett, 1996
15.5	Courtmanche, Delores, n.d.
15.6	Diegnan, Evelyn, 1993
15.7	Diegnan family, 1988-2002
15.8	Power, Maureen, 1994-2003

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16.2	Intergenerational, 1994
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16.4	Other, 1996, n.d.
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OS1.3	Other, n.d. [2]
OS1.4	Other, n.d. [3]
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OS3.1	Other, n.d. [5]
OS3.2	Other, n.d. [6]
OS3.4	Student Portraits; n.d.